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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1
Election of officers

1. Under rule 64, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the Trade and Development Board, and in accordance with the cycle of rotation for the election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur, the Chair of the Working Party at its sixty-eighth session will be a representative of list B. The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur will be a representative of one of the States members on list A (Asia).

Item 2
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The Working Party will be invited to approve the provisional agenda for its sixty-eighth session, as reproduced in chapter I above.

Documentation

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Item 3
Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing

3. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing (TD/B/WP/262), which deals with activities undertaken in 2013. This report is being submitted both to the Working Party at its sixty-eighth session and to the Trade and Development Board at its sixty-first session. The report contains analytical information on the different sources of financing for the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD, i.e. voluntary contributions and their allocation by thematic areas and by regions or countries, as well as an updated overview of the structure and main features of UNCTAD technical cooperation programmes and projects. The UNCTAD fundraising strategy for technical cooperation activities was circulated to member States in March 2013 (UNCTAD/OSG/MISC/2013/1) as a non-paper document for discussion by the Working Party and, in March 2014, the Working Party decided that regional coordinators would meet informally, on a regular basis, to agree on a set of common goals and principles for the fundraising strategy to be presented for consideration at the next session of the Working Party in September 2014.

4. Annex I to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled "Review of activities undertaken in 2013" (TD/B/WP/262/Add.1), provides a review of the technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2013 under various programmes and projects. It contains background information on the activities, as well as information on their impact and results.

5. Annex II to the above-mentioned report, which is subtitled "Statistical tables" (TD/B/WP/262/Add.2), provides data on financial contributions, project expenditures and the distribution of activities among different regions and programmes. It also provides a list of the projects under implementation in 2013.

6. Under this agenda item, and in accordance with paragraph 220 of the Accra Accord and paragraph 7 of Trade and Development Board decision 495 (LV), beneficiaries, donors and the secretariat will also have an opportunity to interact and consult on all issues regarding UNCTAD technical cooperation activities.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/262	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing
TD/B/WP/262/Add.1	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex I: Review of activities undertaken in 2013 (English only)
TD/B/WP/262/Add.2	Review of the technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD and their financing – Annex II: Statistical tables (English only)
UNCTAD/OSG/MISC/2013/1	UNCTAD fundraising strategy for technical cooperation activities

Item 4
Evaluation of UNCTAD activities

(a) Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview

7. For its consideration of this item, the Working Party will have before it the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD entitled "Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview" (TD/B/WP/263), which presents findings from evaluations conducted between January 2013 and March 2014. The report contains the main messages and recommendations from each evaluation, which can be helpful in informing the assessments, design and future implementation of UNCTAD projects and programmes. The Working Party will also be invited to review a proposal for the next iteration of the evaluation plan and to submit its conclusions and recommendations to the Trade and Development Board.

(b) External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 2: Investment and enterprise

8. At its sixtieth session, the Trade and Development Board took note of and endorsed the agreed conclusions of the Working Party at its sixty-fifth session, as contained in document TD/B/WP/255. The agreed conclusions included a request to the UNCTAD secretariat to conduct an independent evaluation of the UNCTAD subprogramme on investment and enterprise that the Working Party would consider at its sixty-eighth session, in the context of its consideration of an annual external evaluation of an UNCTAD programme under the agenda item on evaluation. The evaluation report will be prepared by an independent evaluation team composed of two professional evaluators and two other team members who are familiar with UNCTAD programmes and who are regularly involved in the work of UNCTAD intergovernmental bodies (TD/B/WP/264).

(c) Follow-up on evaluations:

(i) Progress report on the implementation of recommendations from the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 1: Globalization, interdependence and development

9. At its sixty-sixth session, having further discussed the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 1: Globalization, interdependence and development, 2008–2012, the Working Party took note of the evaluation report and management response and endorsed the findings of the evaluation team. The Working Party requested the secretariat to implement the recommendations of the evaluation within UNCTAD's mandate, as appropriate, and to report back on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations at the sixty-eighth session of the Working Party.

(ii) Progress report on the implementation of recommendations from the evaluation of UNCTAD's programme on science and technology for development

10. At its sixty-sixth session, having further discussed the recommendations contained in the evaluation report on the UNCTAD programme on science and technology for development (TD/B/WP/234, TD/B/WP(59)/CRP.1), the Working Party endorsed the workplan presented by the secretariat for the implementation of recommendations contained in document TD/B/WP/234 and requested the secretariat to proceed with its implementation. The Working Party further requested the secretariat to report back on the progress made in the implementation of the workplan at the sixty-eighth session of the Working Party.

Documentation

TD/B/WP/263	Evaluation of UNCTAD activities: Overview
TD/B/WP/264	External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 2: Investment and enterprise
TD/B/WP/252	External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 1: Globalization, interdependence and development
TD/B/WP(65)/CRP.1	Management response to the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 1: Globalization, interdependence and development
TD/B/WP/234	In-depth evaluation of UNCTAD's programme on science and technology for development
TD/B/WP(59)/CRP.1	Management response to the in-depth evaluation of UNCTAD's programme on science and technology for development
TD/B/WP(68)/CRP.1	Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the evaluation of UNCTAD's programme on science and technology for development
TD/B/WP(68)/CRP.2	External evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 2: Investment and enterprise – Supporting materials
TD/B/WP(68)/CRP.3	Management response to the external evaluation of UNCTAD subprogramme 2: Investment and enterprise

Item 5
Provisional agenda for the sixty-ninth session of the Working Party

11. In the course of the session, the secretariat will submit a draft provisional agenda for the next session of the Working Party.

Item 6
Other business

Item 7
Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

12. The report of the sixty-eighth session of the Working Party will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.